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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA: STATUS OF UNDEF PROGRAMS

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¶1. Per reftel, Post requested the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Zambia to provide information on the status of the UNDEF-funded constitutional reform project, which is being implemented by the UNDP. UNDP advised that the project document is currently being finalized. Once the document is signed by the Ministry of Justice, it will be forwarded to New York for approval.

¶2. Plans call for the first year of the two-year project to focus on assisting GRZ efforts to determine the number of voters eligible to vote for representatives to a constituent assembly (either through a census or other means), drafting a statutory instrument that will establish a secretariat for the constituent assembly and drafting a detailed implementation plan for constitutional reform.

¶3. Post point of contact for the UNDEF program is P/E officer Greg Marcus, e-mail marcusgr@state.gov

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